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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: ICA OPERATIONS OUT OF CONGEN

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1. WISDOM OF ESTABLISHING ICA PRESENCE IN CONGEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA ONE REFTTEL, BORNE OUT IN PRACTICE. ICA OFFICER HAS, IN FACT, CONDUCTED OPERATION IN LOW KEY AND HAS CONCENTRATED EFFORTS ON ACTUAL AND POTENTIAL OPINION MAKERS RATHER THAN ATTEMPTING LARGE SCALE OPERATION. WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK, ICA OFFICER IS EFFECTIVELY CARRYING OUT INFORMATION PROGRAM, SUPERVISING CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM INCLUDING VOLKSPARS AND CONDUCTING QUALITY CULTURAL AFFAIRS PROGRAM. ALTHOUGH ISRAELIS UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE OF HIS EFFORTS, WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY ADVERSE REACTION. ON CONTRARY, ICCY HAS APPROACHED CONGEN ICA OFFICER FOR ASSISTANCE WITH SOME OF ITS YOUTH CENTERS IN EAST JERUSALEM (MAINLY FILMS) AND HELP HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING ON AN AD HOC BASIS.

2. SINCE DESIGNATION OF JERUSALEM AS ICA TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESSEE IS AN INTERNAL US GOVERNMENT PROCEDURE, WE BELIEVE THERE IS NO REASON NOT TO DO SO, ESPECIALLY IF THIS WOULD BE MORE
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CONVENIENT FROM THE WASHINGTON END.

3. WHILE I CONCUR IN ESTABLISHING JERUSALEM AS A TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS FOR ICA, I WISH TO POINT OUT THAT THIS NEW INCREASE IN TELEGRAPHIC TRAFFIC AND PROCESSING WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE WORKLOAD OF THE C&R SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE THAT WE HAVE ALREADY ASKED FOR AN INCREASE IN OUR

COMPLEMENT AS A RESULT OF C&R TAKING OVER ALL COMMUNICATIONS
FOR THE CONSULATE GENERAL AND THE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN
TELEGRAPHIC TRAFFIC OVER THE PAST YEAR. GIVEN SMALL SIZE THIS
POST, CAN ICA WASHINGTON SEND US ONLY ITEMS OF RELEVANCE TO
ME ISSUES? (E.G. WE DO NOT REQUIRE ALL OUTPUT ON SOUTH ASIA,
AFRICA, LA, ETC.)

4. SUBSTANCE OF THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH
EMBASSY TEL AVIV.
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